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SUBJ: PREPARATIONS FOR NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING

1. YUGOSLAVIA IS SEEKING TO MAKE COORDINATING BUREAU AT UN THE SUPREME ORGAN OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, ACCORDING TO A YUGOSLAV FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOURNALIST. YUGOSLAVIA'S GOAL IS TO LIMIT THE FREEDOM OF ACTION OF THE COUNTRY WHICH BECOMES "COORDINATOR" OF THE MOVEMENT BY VIRTUE OF HOSTING THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. THE GOY IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF ALGERIA, THE PRESENT COORDINATOR. ON AT LEAST THREE (UNSPECIFIED) OCCASIONS ALGERIA HAS ACTED CONTRARY TO YUGOSLAV INTERESTS, AND THE PERFORMANCE OF SRI LANKA IS EXPECTED TO BE EVEN WORSE, ACCORDING TO THE JOURNALIST. IF THE COLOMBO SUMMIT CONFERENCE MAKES THE COORDINATING BUREAU THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY OF THE MOVEMENT, THE COORDINATING COUNTRY WILL WORK UNDER ITS SUPERVISION RATHER THAN "FREEWHEELING" AS IT CAN NOW DO. THE JOURNALIST ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU WILL BECOME VERY SIGNIFICANT IF THE YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED, BUT SAID THAT THIS QUESTION HAD NOT YET BEEN ADDRESSED.

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2. THE SAME JOURNALIST SAID THAT THE PROBLEM OF ANGOLA,

PARTICULARLY THE USE OF CUBAN TROOPS, IS PROVING TO BE A
CONTENTIOUS ISSUE IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE.

3. COUNSELOR IN FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
CONFIRMED PART OF JOURNALIST'S ACCOUNT. HE TOLD COUNSELOR
OF EMBASSY THAT GOY IS DISSATISFIED WITH PRESENT ROLE OF
NON-ALIGNED COORDINATOR AND PLANNING TO RECOMMEND CHANGES.
THESE ARE INCLUDED IN DRAFT POSITION PAPER FOR COLOMBO
CONFERENCE RECENTLY CIRCULATED AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOY.

4. FYI. FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE COUNTRIES ON THE
COORDINATING BUREAU WILL MEET IN ALGIERS DURING THE LAST
WEEK OF MAY AND THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE TO PREPARE FOR THE
COLOMBO CONFERENCE, ACCORDING TO A TANJUG DISPATCH FROM
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